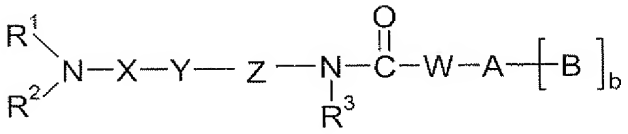
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Amide compounds of general~~ An amide compound of formula I



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wherein

R^1, R^2 independently of one another denote H, a C_{1-8}-alkyl or C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl group optionally substituted by the group R^{11}, while a $-CH_2-$ group in position 3 or 4 of a 5-, 6- or 7-membered cycloalkyl group may be replaced by -O-, -S- or $-NR^{13}-$, or a phenyl or pyridinyl group optionally mono- or polysubstituted by the group R^{12} and/or monosubstituted by nitro, with the proviso that at least one of the groups R^1, R^2 has a meaning other than H, or

R^1 and R^2 together form a C_{2-8}-alkylene bridge wherein

- one or two $-CH_2-$ groups may be replaced independently of one another by -CH=N- or -CH=CH- and/or
- one or two $-CH_2-$ groups may be replaced independently of one another by

-O-, -S-, -SO-, -(SO_2)-, -C=N-O-R^{18}-, -CO-, -C(=CH_2)- or -NR^{13}- in such a way that heteroatoms are not directly connected to one another,

while in the above-defined alkylene bridge one or more H atoms may be replaced by R^{14}, and

while the above-defined alkylene bridge may be substituted by one or two identical or different carbo- or heterocyclic groups Cy in such a way that the bond between the alkylene bridge and the group Cy is formed

- via a single or double bond,
- via a common C atom forming a spirocyclic ring system,
- via two common, adjacent C and/or N atoms forming a fused bicyclic ring system or
- via three or more C and/or N atoms forming a bridged ring system,

R^3 denotes H, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl or C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-4}-alkyl,

X denotes an unbranched C_{1-4}-alkylene bridge and if the group Y is linked to X via a C atom, it may also denote -CH_2-CH=CH-, -CH_2-C≡C-, C_{2-4}-alkylenoxy or C_{2-4}-alkylene-NR^4, ~~a C_{1-8}-alkylene bridge wherein~~

~~a CH_2 group may be replaced by CH=CH or C≡C and/or~~

~~one or two CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of one another by O, S, (SO), (SO_2), CO or NR^4 in such a way that in each case two O, S or N atoms or an O and an S atom are not directly connected to one another,~~

while the bridge X may be attached to R^1 including the N atom attached to R^1 and X forming a heterocyclic group, ~~while the bridge X may additionally also be attached to R^2, including~~

~~the N-atom attached to R^2 and X, forming a heterocyclic group,~~ and

two C atoms or one C and one N atom of the alkylene bridge may be joined together by an additional C_{1-4}-alkylene bridge, and

a C atom may be substituted by R^{10} and/or one or two C atoms in each case may be substituted with one or two identical or different substituents selected from C_{1-6}-alkyl, ~~C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl,~~ C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl, and C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, ~~C_{4-7}-cycloalkenyl and C_{4-7}-cycloalkenyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl,~~ while two alkyl ~~and/or alkenyl~~ substituents may be joined together, forming a carbocyclic ring system, and

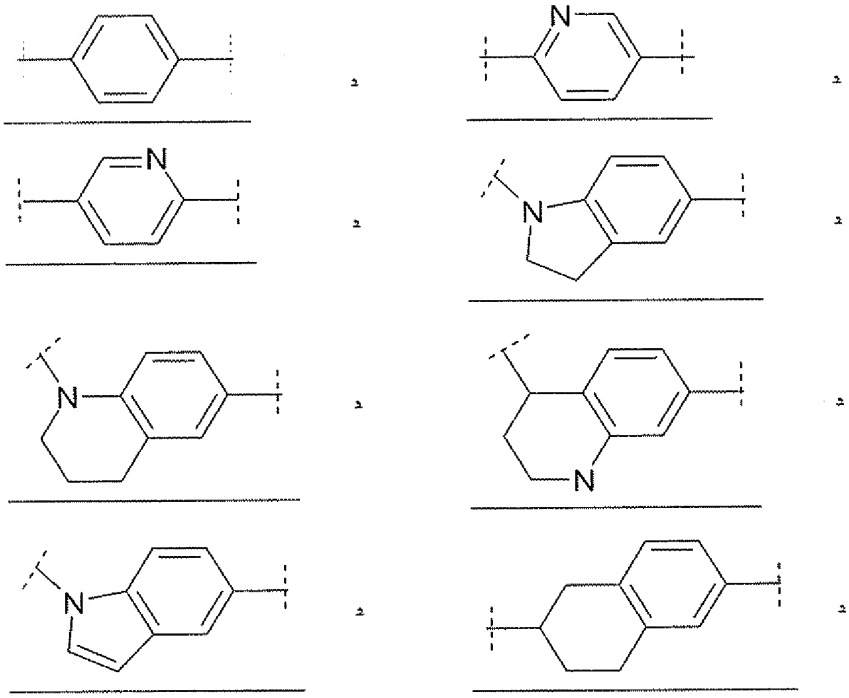
with the proviso that the group X with the meaning C_{2-4}-alkyleneoxy has no hydroxy substituents;

W is selected from among $-CR^{6a}R^{6b}-O-$, $-CR^{7a}=CR^{7c}-$, $-CR^{6a}R^{6b}-NR^8-$, $-CR^{7a}R^{7b}-CR^{7c}R^{7d}-$ and $-NR^8-CR^{6a}R^{6b}-$,

Z denotes a single bond, or C_{1-4}-alkylene, wherein two adjacent C atoms may be joined together with an additional C_{1-4}-alkylene bridge,

while a C atom of the alkylene bridge may be substituted with R^{10} and/or one or two C atoms independently of one another may be substituted with one or two identical or different C_{1-6}-alkyl groups, while two alkyl groups may be joined together, forming a carbocyclic ring, and

Y is selected from among the following bivalent cyclic groups



while the above-mentioned cyclic groups may be mono- or polysubstituted by R^{20} at one or more C atoms, and in the case of a phenyl group may also additionally be monosubstituted by nitro, and/or one or more NH groups may be substituted by R^{21},

~~denotes one of the meanings given for Cy,~~

~~while R^+ may be attached to Y including the group X and the N atom attached to R^+ and X, forming a heterocyclic group fused to Y, and/or~~

~~X may be attached to Y forming a carbo- or heterocyclic group fused to Y, and~~

A denotes one of the meanings given for Cy,

B denotes one of the meanings given for Cy,

b denotes the value 0 or 1,

Cy denotes a carbo- or heterocyclic group selected from one of the following; ~~meanings~~

- a saturated 3- to 7-membered carbocyclic group,
- an unsaturated 4- to 7-membered carbocyclic group,
- a phenyl group,
- a saturated 4- to 7-membered or unsaturated 5- to 7-membered heterocyclic group with an N, O or S atom as heteroatom,
- a saturated or unsaturated 5- to 7-membered heterocyclic group with two or more N atoms or with one or two N atoms and an O or S atom as heteroatoms,
- an aromatic heterocyclic 5- or 6-membered group with one or more identical or different heteroatoms selected from N, O and/or S,

while the above-mentioned 4-, 5-, 6- or 7-membered groups may be attached via two common, adjacent C atoms fused to a phenyl or pyridine ring, and

in the above-mentioned 5-, 6- or 7-membered groups one or two non-adjacent $-CH_2-$ groups may be replaced independently of one another by a -CO-, $-C(=CH_2)-$, -(SO)- or $-(SO_2)-$ group, and

the above-mentioned saturated 6- or 7-membered groups may also be present as bridged ring systems with an imino, N-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-imino, methylene, C_{1-4}-alkyl-methylene or di-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-methylene bridge, and the above-mentioned cyclic groups may be mono- or polysubstituted at one or more C atoms with R^{20}, in the case of a phenyl group they may also additionally be monosubstituted with nitro, and/or one or more NH groups may be substituted with R^{21},

R^4 ~~has one of the meanings given for R^{17}, C_{2-6}-alkenyl or C_{3-6}-alkynyl~~ denotes H or C_{1-6}-alkyl,

R^{6a}, R^{6b} denotes H, C_{1-4}-alkyl or CF_3,

R^{7a}, R^{7b}, R^{7c}, R^{7d} denotes H, F, C_{1-4}-alkyl or CF_3,

R^8 denotes H, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl or C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl,

R^{10} denotes hydroxy, ω-hydroxy-C_{1-3}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, ω-(C_{1-4}-alkoxy)-C_{1-3}-alkyl, ~~carboxy,~~ C_{1-4}-alkoxycarbonyl, amino, C_{1-4}-alkyl-amino, di-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-amino, cyclo-C_{3-6}-alkyleneimino, amino-C_{1-3}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkyl-amino-C_{1-3}-alkyl, di-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-amino-C_{1-3}-alkyl, cyclo-C_{3-6}-alkyleneimino-C_{1-3}-alkyl, amino-C_{1-3}-alkoxy, C_{1-4}-alkyl-amino-C_{1-3}-alkoxy, di-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-amino-C_{1-3}-alkoxy or cyclo-C_{3-6}-alkyleneimino-C_{1-3}-alkoxy, aminocarbonyl, C_{1-4}-alkyl-aminocarbonyl, di-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-aminocarbonyl or cyclo-C_{3-6}-alkyleneimino-carbonyl,

R^{11} denotes C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, R^{15}-O, R^{15}-O-CO, R^{15}-CO-O, $R^{16}R^{17}N$, $R^{18}R^{19}N$-CO or Cy,

R^{12} has one of the meanings given for R^{20},

R^{13} has one of the meanings given for R^{17}, with the exception of carboxy,

R^{14} denotes halogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, R^{15}-O, R^{15}-O-CO, R^{15}-CO, R^{15}-CO-O, $R^{16}R^{17}N$, $R^{18}R^{19}N$-CO, R^{15}-O-C_{1-3}-alkyl, R^{15}-O-CO-C_{1-3}-alkyl, R^{15}-O-CO-NH, R^{15}-SO_2-NH, R^{15}-O-CO-NH-C_{1-3}-alkyl-, R^{15}-SO_2-NH-C_{1-3}-alkyl-, R^{15}-CO-C_{1-3}-alkyl, R^{15}-CO-O-C_{1-3}-alkyl, $R^{16}R^{17}N$-C_{1-3}-alkyl, $R^{18}R^{19}N$-CO-C_{1-3}-alkyl or Cy-C_{1-3}-alkyl,

R^{15} denotes H, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, phenyl, phenyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, pyridinyl or pyridinyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl,

R^{16} denotes H, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, C_{4-7}-cycloalkenyl, C_{4-7}-cycloalkenyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, ω-hydroxy-C_{2-3}-alkyl, ω-(C_{1-4}-alkoxy)-C_{2-3}-alkyl, amino-C_{2-6}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkyl-amino-C_{2-6}-alkyl, di-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-amino-C_{2-6}-alkyl or cyclo-C_{3-6}-alkyleneimino-C_{2-6}-alkyl,

R^{17} has one of the meanings given for R^{16} or denotes phenyl, phenyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, pyridinyl, dioxolan-2-yl, -CHO, C_{1-4}-alkylcarbonyl, carboxy, hydroxycarbonyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxycarbonyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkylcarbonylamino-C_{2-3}-alkyl, N-(C_{1-4}-alkylcarbonyl)-N-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-amino-C_{2-3}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkylsulphonyl, C_{1-4}-alkylsulphonylamino-C_{2-3}-alkyl or N-(C_{1-4}-alkylsulphonyl)-N(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-amino-C_{2-3}-alkyl,

R^{18}, R^{19} independently of one another denote H or C_{1-6}-alkyl,

R^{20} denotes halogen, hydroxy, cyano, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl,

C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, hydroxy-C_{1-4}-alkyl, R^{22}-C_{1-3}-alkyl or one of the meanings given for R^{22},

R^{21} denotes C_{1-4}-alkyl, ω-hydroxy-C_{2-3}-alkyl, ω-C_{1-4}-alkoxy-C_{2-6}-alkyl, ω-C_{1-4}-alkyl-amino-C_{2-6}-alkyl, ω-di-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-amino-C_{2-6}-alkyl, ω-cyclo-C_{3-6}-alkyleneimino-C_{2-6}-alkyl, phenyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkyl-carbonyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy-carbonyl or C_{1-4}-alkylsulphonyl,

R^{22} denotes phenyl-C_{1-3}-alkoxy, OHC, HO-N=HC, C_{1-4}-alkoxy-N=HC, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, C_{1-4}-alkylthio, carboxy, C_{1-4}-alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C_{1-4}-alkylamino-carbonyl, di-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-aminocarbonyl, cyclo-C_{3-6}-alkyl-amino-carbonyl, cyclo-C_{3-6}-alkyleneimino-carbonyl, cyclo-C_{3-6}-alkyleneimino-C_{2-4}-alkyl-aminocarbonyl, phenyl-amino-carbonyl, C_{1-4}-alkyl-sulphonyl, C_{1-4}-alkyl-sulphinyl, C_{1-4}-alkyl-sulphonylamino, amino, C_{1-4}-alkylamino, di-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-amino, C_{1-4}-alkyl-carbonyl-amino, cyclo-C_{3-6}-alkyleneimino, phenyl-C_{1-3}-alkylamino or N-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-phenyl-C_{1-3}-alkylamino, acetylamino, propionylamino, phenylcarbonylamino, phenylcarbonylmethylamino, ~~hydroxy-alkylaminocarbonyl,~~ (4-morpholinyl)carbonyl, (1-pyrrolidinyl)carbonyl, (1-piperidinyl)-carbonyl, (hexahydro-1-azepinyl)carbonyl, (4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)carbonyl, methylenedioxy, or aminocarbonylamino ~~or alkylaminocarbonylamino~~,

while in the above-mentioned groups and residues, ~~especially in A, B, W, X, Y, Z, R^1 to R^4, R^{6a}, R^{6b}, R^{7a}, R^{7b}, R^{7c}, R^{7d}, R^8, R^{10} to R^{22}, in particular,~~ in each case one or more C atoms may additionally be mono- or polysubstituted by F and/or in each case one or two C atoms may additionally be monosubstituted by Cl or Br independently of one another and/or in each case one or more phenyl rings may additionally, independently of one another, have one, two or

three substituents selected from among F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, amino, C_{1-3}-alkylamino, di-(C_{1-3}-alkyl)-amino, acetylamino, aminocarbonyl, cyano, difluoromethoxy, trifluoromethoxy, amino-C_{1-3}-alkyl, C_{1-3}-alkylamino-C_{1-3}-alkyl- and di-(C_{1-3}-alkyl)-amino-C_{1-3}-alkyl and/or may be monosubstituted by nitro, and

the H atom of any carboxy group present or an H atom bonded to an N atom may each be replaced by a group which can be cleaved in vivo,

~~the tautomers, the diastereomers, the enantiomers, the mixtures thereof and the salts thereof,~~ or a tautomer, diastereomer, or enantiomer thereof or mixtures thereof, or a salt thereof,

with the following provisos (M1), (M2) and (M3)

(M1) in the event that Y denotes phenylene substituted with -CN,
X denotes $-CH_2-CH(OH)-CH_2-O-$, Z denotes a single bond, R^1 denotes a straight-chain or branched alkyl group with 1 to 10 C atoms and R^2 and R^3 represent H, then W does not represent $-CR^{6a}R^{6b}-O-$,

(M2) in the event that W denotes -CH=CH- and Y denotes a phenylene group and Z is a single bond, then the bridges X and Z at the phenylene ring of the group Y are in the para position to one another and at least one of the following conditions is met:
(a) the group Y meaning phenylene is at least monosubstituted,
(b) b has the value 0 and the group A is at least disubstituted,

(c) b has the value 1;

(M3) the following individual compounds are not included:

N-[4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenyl]-3-phenyl-propionamide,

N-[4-(2-morpholin-4-ylethoxy)-phenyl]-3-phenyl-propionamide,

3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-N-{2-[4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenyl]-ethyl}-acrylamide,

N-{2-[3-(4-{2-[2-(4-chloro-phenoxy)-acetylamino]-ethyl}-phenoxy)-2-hydroxy-propylamino]-ethyl}-isobutyramide,

cyclopentanecarboxylic acid {2-[3-(4-{2-[2-(4-chloro-phenoxy)-acetylamino]-ethyl}-phenoxy)-2-hydroxy-propylamino]-ethyl}-amide,

2-(4-chloro-phenoxy)-N-(2-{4-[2-hydroxy-3-(2-phenylacetylamino-ethylamino)-propoxy]-phenyl}-ethyl)-acetamide.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Amide compounds~~ An amide compound according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein:

R^1, R^2 independently of one another denote H, a C_{1-8}-alkyl or C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl group optionally substituted by the group R^{11}, or a phenyl group optionally mono- or polysubstituted by the group R^{12} and/or monosubstituted by nitro, with the proviso that at least one of the groups R^1, R^2 has a meaning other than H, or

R^1 and R^2 form a C_{2-8}-alkylene bridge wherein

- one or two $-CH_2-$ groups independently of one another may be replaced by -CH=N- or -CH=CH- and/or

- one or two -CH_2- groups independently of one another may be replaced by -O-, -S-, -CO-, -C(=CH_2)- or -NR^{13}- so that heteroatoms are not directly connected to one another,

while in the alkylene bridge defined above one or more H atoms may be replaced by R^{14}, and

while the alkylene bridge defined hereinbefore may be substituted with one or two identical or different carbo- or heterocyclic groups Cy so that the bond between the alkylene bridge and the group Cy is made

- via a single or double bond,
- via a common C atom forming a spirocyclic ring system,
- via two common adjacent C and/or N atoms forming a fused bicyclic ring system or
- via three or more C and/or N atoms forming a bridged ring system,

X denotes an unbranched C_{1-4}-alkylene bridge and if the group Y is linked to X via a C atom, it may also denote -CH_2-CH=CH-, -CH_2-C≡C-, C_{2-4}-alkylenoxy or C_{2-4}-alkylene-NR^4, ~~a C_{1-8}-alkylene bridge wherein~~

~~a CH_2 group may be replaced by CH=CH or C≡C and/or~~

~~one or two CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of one another by O, S, (SO), (SO_2), CO or NR^4 in such a way that in each case two O, S or N atoms or an O and an S atom are not directly connected to one another,~~,

while the bridge X may be connected to R^1 including the N atom attached to R^1 and X forming a heterocyclic group, and

two C atoms or a C and an N atom of the alkylene bridge may be joined together by an additional C_{1-4}-alkylene bridge, and

a C atom may be substituted by R^{10} and/or one or two C atoms in each case may be substituted by one or two identical or different C_{1-6}-alkyl groups, and

with the proviso that the group X with the meaning C_{2-4}-alkyleneoxy has no hydroxy substituents; and

Z denotes a single bond, or C_{1-4}-alkylene, wherein two adjacent C atoms may be joined together by ~~a zusätzlichen~~ an additional C_{1-4}-alkylene bridge,

while a C atom of the alkylene bridge may be substituted by R^{10} and/or one or two C atoms independently of one another may be substituted by one or two identical or different C_{1-6}-alkyl groups, ~~and~~

b has the value 0,

R^{10} denotes hydroxy, ω-hydroxy-C_{1-3}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, ω-(C_{1-4}-alkoxy)-C_{1-3}-alkyl, amino, C_{1-4}-alkyl-amino, di-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-amino, cyclo-C_{3-6}-alkyleneimino, amino-C_{1-3}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkyl-amino-C_{1-3}-alkyl, di-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-amino-C_{1-3}-alkyl, cyclo-C_{3-6}-alkyleneimino-C_{1-3}-alkyl, amino-C_{1-3}-alkoxy, C_{1-4}-alkyl-amino-C_{1-3}-alkoxy, di-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-amino-C_{1-3}-alkoxy or cyclo-C_{3-6}-alkyleneimino-C_{1-3}-alkoxy,

R^{14} denotes halogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, R^{15}-O, R^{15}-O-CO, R^{15}-CO, R^{15}-CO-O, $R^{16}R^{17}N$, $R^{18}R^{19}N$-CO, R^{15}-O-C_{1-3}-alkyl- , R^{15}-O-CO-C_{1-3}-alkyl, R^{15}-CO-C_{1-3}-alkyl, R^{15}-CO-O-C_{1-3}-alkyl, $R^{16}R^{17}N$-C_{1-3}-alkyl, $R^{18}R^{19}N$-CO-C_{1-3}-alkyl or Cy-C_{1-3}-alkyl,

R^{15} denotes H, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, phenyl or

phenyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl,

R^{17} has one of the meanings given for R^{16} or denotes phenyl, phenyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkylcarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkylcarbonylamino-C_{2-3}-alkyl, N-(C_{1-4}-alkylcarbonyl)-N-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-amino-C_{2-3}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkylsulphonyl, C_{1-4}-alkylsulphonylamino-C_{2-3}-alkyl or N-(C_{1-4}-alkylsulphonyl)-N(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-amino-C_{2-3}-alkyl,

R^{20} denotes halogen, hydroxy, cyano, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, hydroxy-C_{1-4}-alkyl, R^{22}-C_{1-3}-alkyl or one of the meanings given for R^{22},

R^{21} denotes C_{1-4}-alkyl, ω-hydroxy-C_{2-3}-alkyl, ω-C_{1-4}-alkoxy-C_{2-6}-alkyl, ω-C_{1-4}-alkyl-amino-C_{2-6}-alkyl, ω-di-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-amino-C_{2-6}-alkyl, ω-cyclo-C_{3-6}-alkyleneimino-C_{2-6}-alkyl, phenyl, phenyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkyl-carbonyl, carboxy, C_{1-4}-alkoxy-carbonyl or C_{1-4}-alkylsulphonyl,

R^{22} denotes phenyl, phenyl-C_{1-3}-alkoxy, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, C_{1-4}-alkylthio, carboxy, C_{1-4}-alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C_{1-4}-alkylaminocarbonyl, di-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-aminocarbonyl, cyclo-C_{3-6}-alkyleneimino-carbonyl, C_{1-4}-alkyl-sulphonyl, C_{1-4}-alkyl-sulphinyl, C_{1-4}-alkyl-sulphonylamino, amino, C_{1-4}-alkylamino, di-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-amino, cyclo-C_{3-6}-alkyleneimino, phenyl-C_{1-3}-alkylamino, ~~or~~ N-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-phenyl-C_{1-3}-alkylamino, acetylamino, propionylamino, phenylcarbonylamino, phenylcarbonylmethylamino, ~~hydroxyalkylaminocarbonyl,~~ (4-morpholinyl)carbonyl, (1-pyr-

rolidinyl)carbonyl, (1-piperidinyl)carbonyl, (hexahydro-1-azepinyl)carbonyl, (4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)carbonyl, methylenedioxy, or aminocarbonylamino ~~or~~.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Amide compounds~~ An amide compound according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein:

R^1, R^2 independently of one another denote H, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, ω-hydroxy-C_{2-3}-alkyl, ω-(C_{1-4}-alkoxy)-C_{2-3}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy-carbonyl-C_{1-4}-alkyl, carboxyl-C_{1-4}-alkyl, amino-C_{2-4}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkyl-amino-C_{2-4}-alkyl, di-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-amino-C_{2-4}-alkyl, cyclo-C_{3-6}-alkyleneimino-C_{2-4}-alkyl, pyrrolidinyl, N-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolidinyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, N-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-pyrrolidinyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, piperidinyl, N-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-piperidinyl, piperidinyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, N-(C_{1-4}-alkyl)-piperidinyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, phenyl, phenyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, pyridyl or pyridyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl,

with the proviso that at least one of the groups R^1, R^2 has a meaning other than H,

while in the above-mentioned groups and residues one or more C atoms may be mono- or polysubstituted by F and/or one or two C atoms may independently of one another be monosubstituted by Cl or Br, and

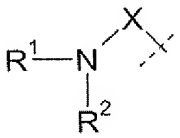
the phenyl or pyridyl group may be mono- or polysubstituted by the group R^{12} and/or may be monosubstituted by nitro.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Amide compounds~~ An amide compound according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein:

R^1 and R^2 form an alkylene bridge according to claim 1 in such a way that R^1R^2N- denotes a group selected from azetidine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, azepan, 2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole, 1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-pyridine, 2,3,4,7-tetrahydro-1H-azepine, 2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-azepine, piperazine, wherein the free imine function is substituted by R^{13}, piperidin-4-one, piperidin-4-one-oxime, piperidin-4-one-O-C_{1-4}-alkyl-oxime, morpholine and thiomorpholine,

while one or more H atoms may be replaced by R^{14}, and/or the abovementioned groups may be substituted by one or two identical or different carbo- or heterocyclic groups Cy.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Amide compounds~~ An amide compound according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein:

the group 

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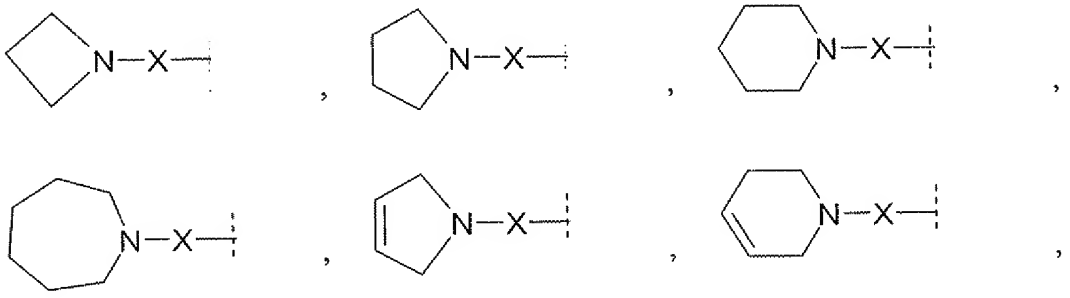
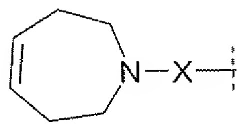
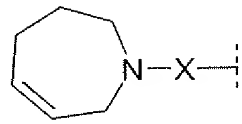
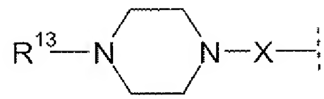
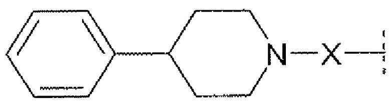
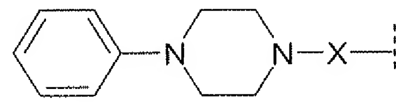
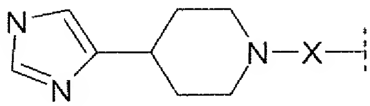
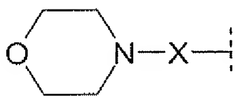
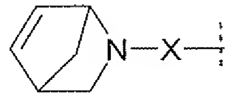
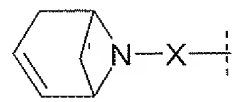
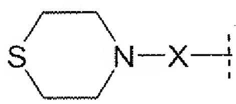
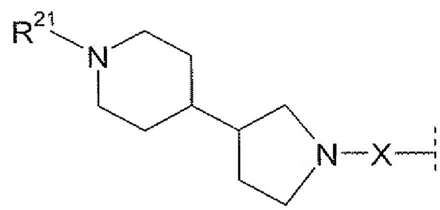


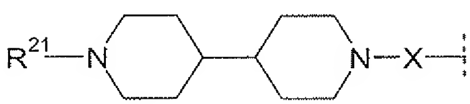
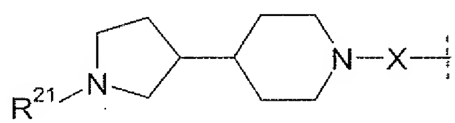
 ,  ,  ,

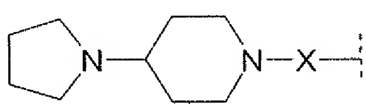
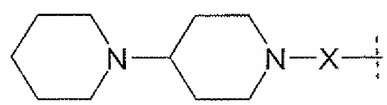
 ,  ,

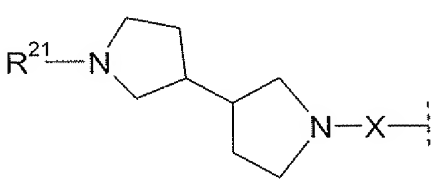
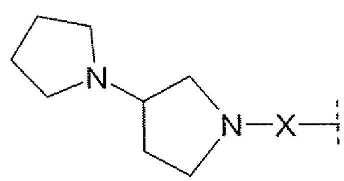
 ,

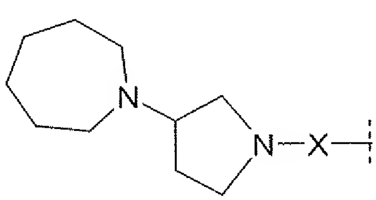
 ,  ,  ,

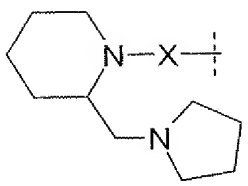
 ,  ,

 ,  ,

 ,  ,

 ,  ,

 ,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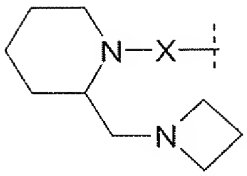
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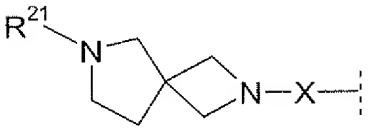
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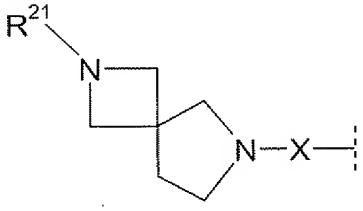
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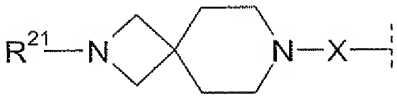
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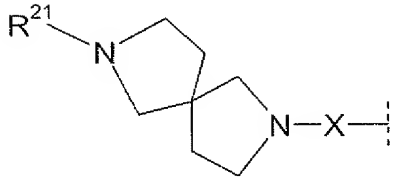
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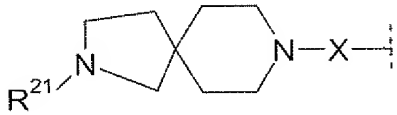
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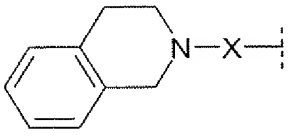
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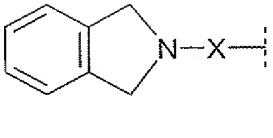
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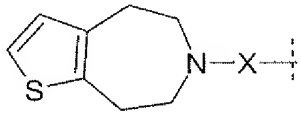
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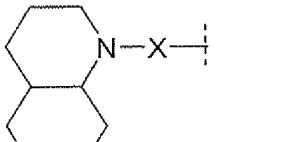
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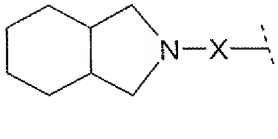
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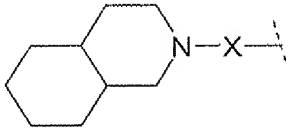
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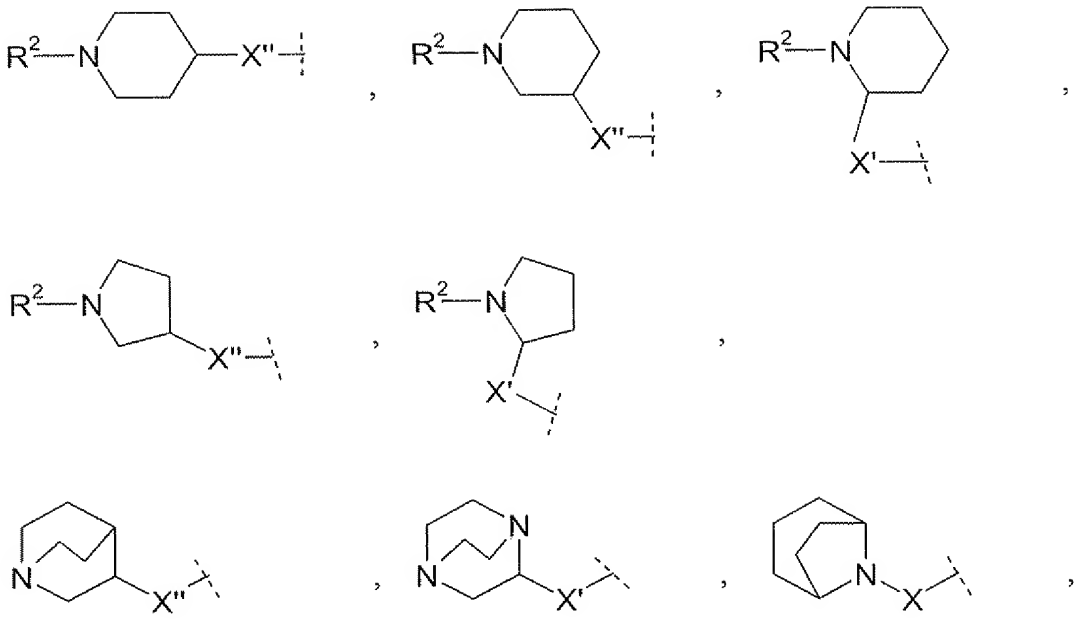

wherein one or more H atoms of the heterocycle formed by the group R^1R^2N- may be replaced by R^{14} and the ring attached to the heterocycle formed by the group R^1R^2N- may be mono- or polysubstituted by R^{20} at one or more C atoms, and in the case of a phenyl ring it may also additionally be monosubstituted by nitro and

X', X" independently of one another denote a single bond or C_{1-3}-alkylene and
if the group Y is linked to X' or X" via a C atom, may also denote -C_{1-3}-alkylene-O-, -C_{1-3}-alkylene-NH- or -C_{1-3}-alkylene-N(C_{1-3}-alkyl)-, and

~~X" may additionally also denote -O-C_{1-3}-alkylene-, -NH-C_{1-3}-alkylene- or -N(C_{1-3}-alkyl)-C_{1-3}-alkylene- and~~

~~if the group Y is linked to X" via a C atom, may also denote -NH-, -N(C_{1-3}-alkyl)- or -O-,~~

while in the definitions given hereinbefore for X', X" in each case a C atom may be substituted by R^{10}, ~~preferably by a hydroxy, ω-hydroxy-C_{1-3}-alkyl, ω-(C_{1-4}-alkoxy)-C_{1-3}-alkyl and/or C_{1-4}-alkoxy group,~~ and/or one or two C atoms in each case may be substituted by one or two identical or different substituents selected from C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, C_{4-7}-cycloalkenyl and C_{4-7}-cycloalkenyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, while two alkyl and/or alkenyl substituents may be joined together forming a carbocyclic ring system, and

in X', X" independently of one another in each case one or more C atoms may be mono- or polysubstituted by F and/or in each case one or two C atoms independently of one another may be monosubstituted by Cl or Br.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Amide compounds~~ An amide compound according to claim ~~6~~ 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein:

X denotes $-CH_2-$, $-CH_2-CH_2-$, or $-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-$, ~~$-CH_2-CH=CH-CH_2-$ or $-CH_2-CH_2-NR^4-CO-$~~ and

if the group Y is linked to X via a C atom, it also denotes

$-CH_2-CH=CH-$, $-CH_2-C\equiv C-$, $-CH_2-CH_2-O-$, $-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-O-$ or

$-CH_2-CH_2-NR^4-$ or $-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-NR^4-$,

while the bridge X may be connected to R^1 including the N atom attached to R^1 and X, forming a heterocyclic group, and ~~the bridge X may additionally also be connected to R^2~~

~~including the N atom attached to R^2 and X, forming a heterocyclic group, and~~

while, in X, a C atom may be substituted by ~~R^{10}, preferably~~ a hydroxy, ω-hydroxy-C_{1-3}-alkyl, ω-(C_{1-4}-alkoxy)-C_{1-3}-alkyl and/or C_{1-4}-alkoxy group, and/or one or two C atoms independently of one another may each be substituted by one or two identical or different C_{1-4}-alkyl groups selected from C_{1-6}-alkyl, ~~C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl,~~ C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl, or C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl, ~~C_{4-7}-cycloalkenyl and C_{4-7}-cycloalkenyl-C_{1-3}-alkyl,~~ while two alkyl ~~and/or alkenyl~~ substituents may be joined together, forming a carbocyclic ring system, and

in each case one or more C atoms may be mono- or polysubstituted by F and/or in each case one or two C atoms may independently of one another be monosubstituted by Cl or Br.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Amide compounds~~ An amide compound according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein:

Z is a single bond, $-CH_2-$ or $-CH_2-CH_2-$, while one or two C atoms independently of one another may be mono- or disubstituted by F, CH_3 or CF_3 and/or monosubstituted by Cl.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Amide compounds~~ An amide compound according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein:

W denotes $-CH_2-O-$, $-CH_2-NR^8-$, $-CH_2-CH_2-$ or $-CH=CH-$,

wherein in each case one or two C atoms may be substituted independently of one another by F, CH_3 or CF_3.

10. -- 11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Amide compounds~~ An amide compound according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein:

the group A denotes phenyl, pyridyl or naphthyl,

while the above-mentioned cyclic groups may be mono- or polysubstituted by R^{20} at one or more C atoms, and in the case of a phenyl group may also additionally be monosubstituted by nitro, and/or one or more NH groups may be substituted by R^{21}.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~Amide compounds~~ An amide compound according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein:

b has the value 0.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~Amide compounds~~ An amide compound according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein:

b has the value 1 and B has a meaning selected from among phenyl, furanyl, thienyl and pyridyl,

while the above-mentioned cyclic groups may be mono- or polysubstituted by R^{20} at one or more C atoms, and in the case of a phenyl group may also additionally be monosubstituted by nitro.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~Amide compounds~~ An amide compound according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein:

R^{20} denotes F, Cl, Br, I, OH, cyano, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethoxy, trifluoromethoxy, amino, C_{1-3}-alkyl-amino, di-C_{1-3}-alkyl-

amino, carboxy or C_{1-4}-alkoxy-carbonyl, while substituents R^{20} occurring repeatedly may have the same or different meanings and in the case of a phenyl ring this may additionally also be monosubstituted by nitro.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~Amide compounds~~ An amide compound according to claim 1 selected from the ~~group of formulae~~ the following compounds:

(1) N-[3-chloro-4-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(2) 2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N-[3-cyano-4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenyl]-acetamide

(3) 2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N-[1-(2-diethylamino-ethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-5-yl]-acetamide

(4) N-[3-chloro-4-(3-diethylamino-prop-1-ynyl)-phenyl]-2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(5) 2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N-[1-(2-diethylamino-ethyl)-2,3-dimethyl-1H-indol-5-yl]-acetamide

(6) 2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N-[1-(2-diethylamino-ethyl)-1H-indol-5-yl]-acetamide

(7) 2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N-[4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-3-methoxy-phenyl]-acetamide

(8) 2-(3-chloro-biphenyl-4-yloxy)-N-[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-

phenyl]-acetamide

(9) N-[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenyl]-2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(10) 2-(4-tert.-butyl-2-chloro-phenoxy)-N-[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenyl]-acetamide

(11) 3-chloro-4-{[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenylcarbamoyl]-methoxy}-benzoic acid-methylester

(12) N-[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenyl]-2-(2,4-dibromo-phenoxy)-acetamide

(13) 2-(4-bromo-2-chloro-phenoxy)-N-[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenyl]-acetamide

(14) N-[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenyl]-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(15) methyl (2-{2-chloro-4-[2-(2,4-dichloro-phenoxy)-acetylamino]-phenoxy}-ethylamino)-acetate

(16) N-[3-chloro-4-(2-pyrrolidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(17) N-{3-chloro-4-[2-(ethyl-propyl-amino)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(18) N-{3-chloro-4-[2-(ethyl-methyl-amino)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(19) N-[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenyl]-2-(2-chloro-4-dimethylamino-phenoxy)-acetamide

(20) (E)-N-[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenyl]-3-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-acrylamide

(21) N-[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenyl]-2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenylamino)-acetamide

(22) N-[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenyl]-2-(2-chloro-4-furan-2-yl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(23) N-[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenyl]-2-(2-chloro-4-thiophen-2-yl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(24) N-[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenyl]-2-(2-chloro-4-pyridin-3-yl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(25) 2-(2-bromo-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N-[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenyl]-acetamide

(26) N-{3-chloro-4-[2-(2,5-dihydro-pyrrol-1-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(27) ethyl 1-(2-{2-chloro-4-[2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-acetylamino]-phenoxy}-ethyl)-piperidine-4-carboxylate

(28) N-[3-chloro-4-(3-diethylamino-propoxy)-phenyl]-2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(29) N-{4-[2-(2-aminomethyl-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-3-chloro-phenyl}-2-(2-

chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(30) N-{3-chloro-4-[2-(2-dimethylaminomethyl-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(31) N-[3-bromo-4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenyl]-2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(32) N-{3-chloro-4-[2-(4-methoxy-piperidin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(33) N-{3-chloro-4-[2-(4-hydroxy-piperidin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(34) 2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N-[4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-3-nitro-phenyl]-acetamide

(35) N-[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenyl]-2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethoxy-phenylamino)-acetamide

(36) N-[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenyl]-2-(2-fluoro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenylamino)-acetamide

(37) 2-(2-bromo-4-trifluoromethyl-phenylamino)-N-[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-phenyl]-acetamide

(38) (E)-3-(4'-chloro-biphenyl-4-yl)-N-(4-piperidin-1-ylmethyl-phenyl)-acrylamide

(39) N-[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethylamino)-phenyl]-2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(40) N-{3-chloro-4-[2-(4-methyl-piperidin-1-yl)-ethylamino]-phenyl}-2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(41) (E)-3-(4'-chloro-biphenyl-4-yl)-N-(4-dimethylaminomethyl-phenyl)-acrylamide

(42) (E)-3-[5-(4-chloro-phenyl)-pyridin-2-yl]-N-(4-piperidin-1-ylmethyl-phenyl)-acrylamide

(43) (E)-N-{3-chloro-4-[2-(4-methyl-piperidin-1-yl)-ethylamino]-phenyl}-3-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-acrylamide

(44) (E)-N-[3-chloro-4-(4-methyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-phenyl]-3-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-acrylamide

(45) 2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-N-[4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-3-methyl-phenyl]-acetamide

(46) (E)-3-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-N-[4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-3-methyl-phenyl]-acrylamide

(47) (E)-3-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-N-[4-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-3-methoxy-phenyl]-acrylamide

(48) (E)-N-[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethyl)-phenyl]-3-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-acrylamide

(49) N-[3-chloro-4-(2-diethylamino-ethyl)-phenyl]-2-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-acetamide

(50) N-{3-chloro-4-[2-(4-methyl-piperidin-1-yl)-ethyl]-phenyl}-2-(2-chloro-4-

trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-acetamide

including the salts thereof.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~Physiologically~~ A physiologically acceptable ~~salts~~ salt of ~~the~~ an amide ~~compounds~~ compound of formula I according to claim 1.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~Composition, containing~~ A composition comprising at least one amide compound according to claim 1 ~~optionally~~ together with one or more inert carriers and/or diluents.

19. -- 21. (Canceled)

22. (New) A method for influencing the eating behaviour of a mammal comprising administering thereto at least one amide compound according to claim 1.

23. (New) A method for treating a symptom and/or disease caused by MCH, or causally connected with MCH in some other way, in a mammal comprising administering thereto at least one amide compound according to claim 1.

24. (New) A method for treating a urinary problem, including urinary incontinence, overactive bladder, urgency, nycturia or enuresis, in a mammal comprising administering thereto at least one amide compound according to claim 1.